



MONTEREY PENINSULA
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GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

Chapter 2 Board of Trustees

2350

BP 2350 Speakers

Persons may speak to the Governing Board either on an agenda item or on other matters of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Governing Board.

Oral presentations relating to a matter on the agenda, including those on the consent agenda, shall be heard before a vote is called on the item.

Persons wishing to speak to matters not on the agenda shall do so at the time designated at the meeting for general public comment.

Those wishing to speak to the Governing Board are subject to the following:

1. They may be asked to submit a written request to address the Board at the beginning of the meeting at which they wish to speak.
2. The Chair of the Governing Board may rule members of the public out of order if their remarks do not pertain to matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Governing Board or if their remarks are unduly repetitive.
3. Non-scheduled substitutes may not speak in place of scheduled speakers unless alternates have been submitted on the original request.
4. Employees who are members of a bargaining unit represented by an exclusive bargaining agent may address the Governing Board under this policy, but may not attempt to negotiate terms and conditions of their employment. This policy does not prohibit any employee from addressing a collective bargaining proposal pursuant to the public notice requirements of Government Code Section 3547 and the policies of this Governing Board implementing that section.
5. No member of the public may speak without being recognized by the Chair of the Governing Board.
6. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes per topic. This time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Governing Board.
7. Fifteen (15) minutes shall be the maximum time allotment for public speakers on any one subject may be established, regardless of the number of speakers at any one Governing Board meeting. This time limit may be extended at the discretion of a majority of the Governing Board.
8. Each speaker coming before the Governing Board is limited to one presentation per specific agenda item before the Governing Board, and to one presentation per meeting on non-agenda matters.

See Board Policy 2345 – Public Participation at Governing Board Meetings and Board Policy 2355 – Decorum



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References: Education Code Section 72121.5;
Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.

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